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TEXT: 1. ON 12 MARCH 1992, ELEMENTS OF THE GUATEMALAN ARMY CAPTURED "EVERARDO," THE COMMANDER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION OF THE PEOPLE IN ARMS (ORPA) LUIS IXMATA BATTALION, ONE OF TWO ORPA COMBAT UNITS. THE GUERRILLA COMMANDER WAS CAUGHT IN AN AMBUSH NEAR SAN MARCOS, SAN MARCOS DEPARTMENT. ALTHOUGH LIGHTLY WOUNDED IN THE ARM, HE IS IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION, IS BEING WELL TREATED BY THE ARMY, AND HAS BEEN COOPERATING FULLY WITH HIS CAPTORS. THE NEWS OF HIS CAPTURE HAS NOT BEEN PUBLICIZED.

ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE GUERRILLA LEADER SAID THAT THE LAST ARMS SHIPMENT TO ORPA FROM THE CUBANS ARRIVED IN GUATEMALA SIX MONTHS AGO. IT WAS LARGE ENOUGH TO ALLOW THE LUIS IXMATA BATTALION, WHICH HAS A TOTAL STRENGTH OF 95 ARMED INDIVIDUALS, TO REPLACE ALL OF ITS M-16 RIFLES WITH SOVIET AK-47 RIFLES. THE WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT WERE SMUGGLED THROUGH MEXICO VIA PRIVATE VEHICLES. HE CLAIMED CUBA IS ALSO STILL PROVIDING TRAINING TO ORPA

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"EVERARDO" [REDACTED] HAS A CARD FROM A MEXICAN GOVERNMENT SOCIAL WELFARE AGENCY, THE STATE-OWNED NATIONAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION COMPANY-CONASUPO, WHICH ALLOWS HIM TO PURCHASE SUBSIDIZED FOOD FOR USE BY ORPA GUERRILLAS. [REDACTED] ORPA IS ENTIRELY SUPPLIED FROM MEXICO AND [REDACTED] HE HIMSELF COMMUNICATES WITH THE ORPA COMMAND IN MEXICO EVERY DAY TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS. HE ALSO HAS A STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD FROM A MEXICAN UNIVERSITY.

(SOURCE COMMENT: "EVERARDO" CONTINUES TO COOPERATE WITH THE ARMY, WHICH WILL PROBABLY KEEP NEWS OF HIS CAPTURE SECRET, OR EVEN CLAIM THAT HE WAS KILLED, TO MAXIMIZE HIS INTELLIGENCE VALUE. IN THE PAST, GUERRILLAS WHO HAVE AGREED TO COOPERATE ARE USUALLY ASSIGNED TO WORK WITH THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. THEY LIVE AND WORK ON ARMY BASES, HELP WITH INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, AND IDENTIFY GUERRILLA SUSPECTS.)

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